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SUBJ: GOI REACTION TO CHINESE-JAPANESE TREATY

1. SIGNING OF CHINESE-JAPANESE TREATY OF PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP WAS GREETED HERE WITH BANNER HEADLINERS AND LENGTHY NEWS STORIES FROM WIRE SERVICE REPORTS IN AUGUST 13 PRESS.

2. KAYHAN INTERNATIONAL AUGUST 14 CARRIED SHARPLY WORDED EDITORIAL ENTITLED, "REGIONAL PACTS A NATURAL RESULT OF SABRE-RATTLING BY THE SOVIETS" WHICH COMMENTED ON "THE KREMLIN'S SWIFT, FURIOUS AND PARANOIAC DENUNCIATION OF THE TREATY." THE PAPER CHARACTERIZED TASS' "RANTING AND SCREAMING" AS UNJUSTIFIED SINCE "NEITHER CHINA NOR JAPAN -- NOT EVEN THE TWO COMBINED -- CAN POSE ANY MILITARY THREAT TO THE SOVIET UNION." GETTING DOWN TO BASICS THE EDITORIAL NOTED THAT, "MOSCOW'S POSTURE TOWARD AFRO-ASIAN NATIONS THAT WANT TO STEER AN INDEPENDENT FOREIGN POLICY HAS BEEN INCREASINGLY MENACING RECENTLY ... AT A TIME WHEN DEVELOPMENTS IN AFRICA HAVE RENDERED AMERICAN OVERSEAS DEFENSE COMMITMENTS DUBIOUS IN VALUE, COUNTRIES LIVING UNDER THE OMINOUS SHADOW OF THE KREMLIN DO NOT SEEM TO

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HAVE ANY ALTERNATIVE BUT THAT OF BANDING TOGETHER."

3. COMMENT: IN CONVERSATION WITH CHARGE AUGUST 12, SENIOR MFA OFFICIALS WELCOMED AGREEMENT AS A FURTHER DRAWING OF PRC INTO THE SECURITY NETWORK SURROUNDING SOVIET UNION. MEDIA CRITICISM OF SOVIET UNION HAS BECOME MORE STRIDENT AS INDICATED IN KAYHAN EDITORIAL AND IS

REFLECTION OF CIVILIAN AND MILITARY LEADERS PERCEPTION
OF INCREASING INTERNAL THREAT FROM THE NORTHERN NEIGHBOR
WHO MANY BELIEVE IS BEHIND RECENT DISTURBANCES.
END COMMENT.
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